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Y DAY CAMP STILL ON!

While summer camp is winding down for some programs, the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA still has another 4 weeks of programming for youth in our region. "Our camps run through Friday, September 4, so there is still plenty of time for kids to experience our values-based program," says Katie Winslow, YMCA Day Camp Supervisor. "We have weekly registration for campers. We can take them the day of as long as they have forms including immunizations and health appraisal including a physical within the last six months."

The YMCA's philosophy is family-centered and geared to the individual needs of children. Each camp group provides an environment with a wide range of materials and developmentally appropriate activities which allow kids to discover, explore, make choices, and create according to their interests. Each child is recognized and valued as a unique individual with a capacity for growth and development.

"We have opportunities for children ages 3 ½ to children entering grade 9. With our highly competent and motivated staff, we have plenty of room for more campers, "commented Winslow. "We are also very fortunate to be located in a 40-acre natural area which gives campers the opportunity both indoors at the YMCA Main Facility and out in the woods and the Boardman River."

The YMCA offers a Traditional Day Camp for campers entering grades 1-6, a K-Camp for Kindergarten kids, Young Explorers for $3 \frac{1}{2} - 4$ year olds (at our Woodmere Road Facility), Sports Camp for grades 4-6, and Leaders Club for grades 7-9.

"Many parents and grandparents remember the days they were YMCA day campers and know their children are having the same fantastic experience," said Winslow. "Scholarships are still available for those the might need some help."

All information about Y Day Camp and all the other 65 YMCA programs is available on our website at www.gtbayymca.org. The Y Day Camp has a special blog site at http://dcgtbayymca.blogspot.com/ with all camp related announcements, pictures and registration materials. Contact Katie Winslow at 933-9622 or at camp@gtbayymca.org with any questions.